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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, September 2, 1998

APPLICATION OF

GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980080

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telephone services

ORDER SETTING PLEADING SCHEDULE ON
DISCOVERY AND APPOINTING HEARING EXAMINER

On August 26, 1998 GTE Communications Corporation of Virginia, ("GTE") filed its MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER which requests prohibition of certain discovery propounded by the following Protestants: MCI Communications Corporation ("MCI"); Cox Virginia Telcom, Inc. ("Cox"); AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T").

GTE represents that certain discovery complained of actually seeks information from GTE that is proprietary, confidential, competitively sensitive, a trade secret, and/or protected by the attorney-client privilege or work privilege or work product doctrine. GTE further alleges that such information is not relevant or necessary to this case nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

The Protestants, by counsel, have indicated their desire to file a response to GTE's MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER by the close of business on Wednesday, September 2, 1998.

The Commission finds that the Protestants should be granted leave to file their Responses to GTE's MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER on or before the close of business on Wednesday, September 2, 1998. Copies of said Responses should be served upon all parties of record by facsimile transmission. The Commission further finds that GTE, as the movant, should be granted leave to file a reply to any Responses filed by Protestants, on or before the close of business on Friday, September 4, 1998.

The Commission finds that the amended procedural schedule approved herein on August 20, 1998 will be further served by appointing a Hearing Examiner for the limited purpose of ruling upon all discovery and other pretrial motions and scheduling matters. The Commission will preside over the hearing on September 16, 1998 to receive testimony from any public witnesses.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Protestants are hereby granted leave to file their Responses to GTE's MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER by the close of business on Wednesday, September 2, 1998. Said Responses shall be served upon all parties of record by U.S. Mail, first class,

and facsimile transmission, contemporaneous with the filing with the Commission.

(2) GTE is hereby granted leave to file its Reply to any Responses filed by Protestants by the close of business on Friday, September 4, 1998. Said Reply shall be served upon all parties of record by U.S. Mail, first class, and facsimile transmission, contemporaneous with the filing with the Commission.

(3) Consistent with the Findings above, a Hearing Examiner is hereby appointed for the limited purpose of ruling upon all discovery and other pretrial motions and scheduling matters.

(4) All remaining provisions of the ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, issued in this case on August 20, 1998, shall remain in full force and effect.